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SUBJECT: FORMATION OF DUTCH GOVERNMENT X

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1. EFFORTS BY CARETAKER PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL AND "INFORMATEUR" VERINGA TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT ARE PROGRESSING WELL, BUT CERTAIN CHANGES IN TOP DUTCH GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL ALREADY HAVE BEEN MADE AS REQUIRED BY LAW. THE DUTCH CONSTITUTION REQUIRES THAT A DUTCH MINISTER OR STATE SECRETARY WHO ALSO HAS BEEN ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT MUST, AFTER THREE MONTHS, CHOOSE EITHER TO REMAIN WITH THE MINISTRY OR TO RETAIN A SEAT IN PARLIAMENT. BECAUSE THE PERIOD OF CABINET FORMATION HAS LASTED LONGER THAN THREE MONTHS, THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TOOK
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PLACE ON SEPT 8: (1) VAN AGT RESIGNED HIS POSTS AS MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IN ORDER TO RETAIN HIS POSITION OF HEAD OF HIS PARTY (CDA) IN PARLIAMENT. QUEEN JULIANA APPOINTED INTERIOR MINISTER DE GAAY FORTMAN TO SUCCEED VAN AGT IN BOTH POSITIONS. (2) THE FOLLOWING STATE SECRETARIES RESIGNED IN ORDER TO RETAIN THEIR SEATS IN PARLIAMENT:
L. BRINKHORST - FOREIGN AFFAIRS, H. ZEEVALKING - JUSTICE,

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G. KLEIN - EDUCATION, J. SCHAEFER AND M. VAN DAM - HOUSING,
T. HAZEKAMP - ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, W. MEIJER - CULTURAL AFFAIRS,
RECREATION AND WELFARE.

2. BY OPTING FOR HIS SEAT IN THE SECOND CHAMBER, VAN AGT IS RETAINING THE POSITION FROM WHICH HE CAN WIELD THE GREATEST INFLUENCE DURING THE PERIOD OF CABINET FORMATION. BY CONTINUING AS HEAD OF HIS PARLIAMENTARY FACTION, VAN AGT REMAINS THE NEGOTIATOR FOR THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC APPEAL (CDA) IN THE FORMATION TALKS; HAD HE STAYED ON AS MINISTER OF JUSTICE, HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN UP A DIRECT PART IN THE DISCUSSIONS. VAN AGT--AND THE RECENTLY RESIGNED STATE SECRETARIES--ARE NOT PRECLUDED FROM LEAVING PARLIAMENT LATER ON TO JOIN THE NEW GOVERNMENT AS A MINISTER OR STATE SECRETARY.
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